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DEMIREL TELLS CORRESPONDENT ABOUT TURKISH FOREIGN POLICY

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TOPICS GIVEN TO THE CORRESPONDENT OF ONE OF THE MAJOR ISTANBUL DAILIES, PRIME MINISTER SULEYMAN DEMIREL ALSO ANSWERED QUESTIONS RELATING TO TURKISH FOREIGN POLICY.

ON THE U.S. ARMS EMBARGO, BILATERAL RELATIONS AND TREATIES, DEMIREL SAID: "YE CONSIDER THE EMBARGO AS A HOSTILE ACT. IF THE U.S. CONGRESS DOES NOT LIFT THE EMBARGO, IT WILL BECOME IMPERATIVE FOR US TO TAKE THE MEASURES NECESSITATED BY THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE BILATERAL DEFENCE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE FIELD OF SECURITY. AND THE BAN SHOULD BE REVERSED WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME, OF COURSE."

IN CASE THE ARMS BAN IS NOT LIFTED, DEMIREL STATED, "THE GOVERNMENT SHALL NOT FOREGO ANY SACRIFICE NECESSARY FOR THE DEFENCE OF TURKEY. WE SHALL LOOK FOR AND FIND THE MEANS OF PROCURING ALL THE ARMS AND MATERIEL NEEDED BY OUR ARMED FORCES."

ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF GREECE EXTENDING ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS TO 12 MILES, DEMIREL SAID, "WE SHALL DEFINITELY OPPOSE IT". IF GREECE CREATES A DE FACTO SITUATION, SHE WILL FIND HERSELF FACED BY "A CORRESPONDING DE FACTO SITUATION."

ON EXPLORATIONS FOR PETROLEUM IN THE AEGEAN SEA, THE PREMIER STATED, "TURKEY STANDS FIRM ABOUT HER RIGHTS OVER THE AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF. SHE WILL NOT RENOUNCE THEM, AND WE SHALL ACT ACCORDINGLY."

ON CYPRUS, DEMIREL SPOKE AS FOLLOWS: "THE FEDERATED TURKISH STATE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. OUR POLICY IS A FEDERATION ON GEOGRAPHICAL BASES. THE GREEK SIDE CAN SET UP THEIR STATE, THE TWO COMMUNITIES CAN JOIN IN A FEDERATION—A FEDERATION OF TWO FEDERATED STATES.
WE!CANNOT SEE ANY OTHER WAY OUT, AND THIS IS THE DE FACTO STATE OF AFFAIRS ANYWAY."

DEMIREL ADDED THAT TURKEY WOULD MAKE NO CONCESSIONS WHATEVER WITH REGARD TO CYPRUS.

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